The Guilford County Government strongly recommends HUB certification with the State of North Carolina under the Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) for all Minority or Women owned businesses. HUB Certification is used by local government, state agencies and other public agencies Statewide to assure equal opportunity in purchasing programs. All certified vendors are listed in the HUB Database for commodities, services, construction and repair work. Listed below are the advantages of being HUB Certified:

- Certification is valid for 4 years
- State agencies use this directory to solicit bids from certified HUBs for state purchasing and public works contracts.
- Certified HUBs are registered with the Division of Purchase and Contract's web-based <u>HUB</u>
 <u>Vendor Directory</u> (Vendor Link System).

The Guilford County Purchasing staff will assist you with certifying with the State of North Carolina. Contact Shelia Reaves-Willett at 336-641-4823 or swillet@myguilford.com For application for Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) or more information, please visit the NC Department of Administration's <u>Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Program</u> website.